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SUBJ: NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS

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1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING DATA IN RESPONSE TO
EIGHT POINT REQUEST POSED REF (A):

(1) BHP-ESSO OPERATE ONLY NATURAL GAS PROCESSING PLANT
IN AUSTRALIA AT LONGFORD, VIC., WHERE BASS STRAIT GAS
PROCESSED, METHANE IS SEPARATED FROM LPG AND ETHANE,
WHICH ARE IN TURN PIPED TO BHP-ESSO FRACTIONATION PLANT
AT LONG ISLAND POINT, VIC., PART OF WESTERNPORT REFINING
COMPLEX.

(2) LONGFORD GAS THROUGHPUT CAPACITY IS 300 MMCF PER
DAY. THIS WILL BE DOUBLED BY 1975. LONG ISLAND POINT
CAPACITY IS 38,000 BARRELS/DAY OF PROPANE AND BUTANE
COMBINED AND 9,000 B/D OF ETHANE GAS LIQUID. THIS
CAPACITY WILL BE RAISED TO 53,000 B/D AND 12,500 B/D
RESPECTIVELY BY MID-1975.

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(3) BHP-ESSO PROCESSED 40,907 MMCF OF GAS DURING 1972.

(4) OUTPUT OF NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS IN 1972:

(A) LPG-1.2 MILLION METRIC TONS, MOST OF WHICH WAS EXPORTED TO JAPAN;

(B) NATURAL GASOLINE - NOT PRODUCED;

(C) ETHANE - 3,200,000 BARRELS (ESTIMATE FOR 1973, FIRST FULL YEAR OF PRODUCTION).

(5) - (8) NO GAS LIQUEFACTION PLANTS IN AUSTRALIA.

2. NATURAL GAS TREATMENT PLANTS ARE OPERATED AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

(A) MOOMBA, S.A. - OPERATED BY SANTOS LTD., OWNED JOINTLY BY SANTOS, DELHI INTERNATIONAL OIL CORP., AND VAMGAS N.L. PROCESSED 42,310 MMCF IN 1972. INPUT CAPACITY 277 MMCF PER DAY.

(B) DONGARA, W.A. - OWNED AND OPERATED BY WEST AUSTRALIAN NATURAL GAS PTY. LTD., WHOLLY OWNED BY WEST AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM LTD. (OWNED BY AMPOL, SHELL, TEXACO AND CALIFORNIA-ASIATIC). PROCESSED 28,752 MMCF IN 1972. OUTPUT CAPACITY 110 MMCF PER DAY.

(C) ROMA, QLD. - OWNED AND OPERATED BY ASSOCIATED PIPELINE LIMITED, OWNED 50-50 BY ASSOCIATED AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES LTD. AND SOUTHERN UNION GAS CO. OF DALLAS, TEXAS. PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY DATA NOT READILY AVAILABLE BUT WILL BE SOUGHT UPON REQUEST.

3. SANTOS-DELHI-VAMGAS CONSORTIUM PLAN TO COMPLETE GAS PROCESSING PLANT AT MOOMBA IN 1977 IN CONNECTION WITH REDCLIFFS, S.A. PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT. GOA APPROVAL STILL PENDING FOR EXPORT OF PALM VALLEY, N.T. GAS AS LNG TO PACIFIC LIGHTING IN U.S. LARGE OFF-SHORE GAS RESERVES OF WOODWIDE-BURMAH MAY PROVIDE LNG EXPORTS, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT GOA APPROVAL STILL APPEARS LONG WAY OFF (REF B). HARROP

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